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Annotations

4 May 1998

1. Opening of the session

The session will be opened by the Chairman of the Committee on Information.

2. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

The provisional agenda has been prepared on the basis of consultations among the members of the Bureau.

3. Statement by the Chairman

The Chairman will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

4. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General

The Under-Secretary-General will address the Committee at its opening meeting.

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5. General debate and consideration of substantive questions[1]

(a) Promotion of the establishment of a new, more just and more effective world information and communication order intended to strengthen peace and international understanding and based on the free circulation and wider and better balanced dissemination of information

(b) Continuation of the examination of United Nations public information policies and activities, in the light of the evolution of international relations, and the need to establish the new international economic order and the new world information and communication order

Consideration of this sub-item will include the following reports:

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the measures regarding information and communications approved by the General Assembly;

Address by the Under-Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the work of the Office of Communications and Public Information* pertaining to the agenda items under consideration.

(c) Evaluation and follow-up of the efforts made and the progress achieved by the United Nations system in the field of information and communications

Consideration of this sub-item will include the following report:

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Joint United Nations Information Committee in 1997 (resolution 46/73).

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6. Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session

Notes

[1] The wording of sub-items (a), (b) and (c) is based on General Assembly resolution 34/182 of 18 December 1979.

* The former Department of Public Information.